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Comments.

1. Throughout this report, for Administration read Directorate.
2. In paragraph 2, for rayoniy otdelyy read rayonnyy otdel.
3. In paragraph 2:

Pryazhenskiy is correctly Pryazhinskiy.
Pitkynarskiy is correctly Pitkyaranskiy.
Sortovalskiy is correctly Sortavalskiy.
Sorokaskiy is probably Suoyarvskiy.
Kondonozhskiy is correctly Kondopozhskiy.

4. In paragraph 3b:

Manchagorskiy is correctly Monchegorskiy.
Kandalarskiy is probably Kandalakshskiy.
Korovskiy is correctly Kirovskiy.
Tereberskiy is correctly Teriberskiy.

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50X1 1. To the best of [REDACTED] there was no established T/O&E for any of the MVD Operational Administrations (Oparativnye Upravleniya). He believed that the number of personnel assigned to any administration was determined by the mission, location, and current needs of the unit.

Karelo-Finnish SSR MVD Operational Administration Organization

50X1 2. To the best of [REDACTED] the MVD Ministry of the Karelo-Finnish SSR had no subordinate Operational Administration. Command lines went directly for the MVD Ministry in Petrozavodsk N 61-49, E 34-207 to the offices of the Regional Sections (Rayonniy Otdel'nyy). Source believed that each of the 16 "Rayons" in the Karelo-Finnish SSR would have an MVD Regional Section (RayOtdel). He could name only 13 of the 16 "Rayons":

Pryazhenskiy
Olonetskiy
Vedlozerskiy
Pitkanyarskiy
Sortoval'skiy
Sorokski
Kemski

Ukhtinskiy
Loukhski
Kondonozhski
Petrovski
Segezhski
Kaleval'ski

Data on MURMANSK Oblast MVD Operational Administration

3. The following data concerns administration of the MVD in the Murmansk Oblast

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a. Organization

Included in the actual organization of the Murmansk Oblast MVD Operational Administration (MO MVD Administration) were a number of civilians. They were assigned to the unit and had signed contracts to work specifically in the MO MVD. All the male employees retained an assimilated rank similar to military rank. They were occasionally addressed by this rank. Source, for example, was a civilian but was sometimes addressed as "Lieutenant". Female members of the unit did not have any rank. [] not know if there were any military personnel in the unit. There were no political officers (Zampolits) within the MO MVD Administration. [] believed that they did not exist in any MVD Operational units, as had been reported in the case of certain MVD troop units.

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b. Subordinate Units

There were 10 Regional Sections subordinate to the MO MVD Administration. [] not recall the names of three of these sections, but gave the names of the other seven:

Manchagorskiy RayOtdel - CO was Lt. Col. (fnu) IVANOV
 Lovozerkiy RayOtdel - CO was Maj. (fnu) YAZYKOV
 Kandalarakiy RayOtdel
 Korovskiye RayOtdel
 Kol'skiy RayOtdel
 Pechengskiye RayOtdel
 Tereberskiy RayOtdel

c. Pay and Allowances, Personnel Policies, and Leave Policy

- (1) [] pay amounted to 1,500 rubles per month at one time. As the result of a cut in pay to conform with the lower cost of living, his pay was 1,350 rubles per month [] in August 1953. The chief of a section received 4,500 rubles per month and his assistant received 3,500 rubles per month. In addition to base pay, certain bonuses and funds for operation costs, travel, and per diem were available. These salaries far exceeded the pay of Soviet Army officers of comparable rank. Also, they were known to exceed those of comparable ranks in the Border Guard Troops.
- (2) Civilian personnel such as clerks and secretary-typists who agreed to work above the Arctic Circle for a three-year period without leave were entitled to a six-month leave at the end of the three-year period.
- (3) All MVD operational personnel were entitled to one month of leave per year. The leave did not have to be taken at one time; several leaves could be taken as long as the total did not exceed 30 days.
- (4) [] although it was difficult to enter the services of the MVD, it was even more difficult to leave voluntarily. He stated that to his knowledge it was impossible to leave without prejudice. Since all the personnel with whom he was affiliated were relatively young people, [] no idea of any retirement arrangements due to old age. He had never heard of a court martial for any person removed for excessive drinking and misbehavior.

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d. Other Miscellaneous Information

- (1) No apparent change took place in the MO MVD Administration with regard to personnel and policy after BERIA's arrest, [redacted] Although a state of semi-panic existed, no one suffered from it. A Lt. Col. (fnu) FILATOV, who arrived in the MO MVD Administration shortly after STALIN's death, was said to have known of BERIA's arrest three days before it happened.
- (2) Personnel working in the MO MVD Administration habitually wore civilian clothing. [redacted] a military uniform [redacted] but wore it only once when he had a photograph made for identification purposes. All his mail was received at his private home address, and no reference was made to his rank in the address. The unit members normally referred to each other by first name and patronymic. If these were not known, and in rare instances when they were known, the rank was used in addressing the person.
- (3) Although the wall newspaper of the MO MVD Administration, "CHEKIST ZAPOLYARYA" (THE CHEKIST BEYOND THE ARTIC CIRCLE), was compiled and published by personnel of the unit, it was a Party newspaper, and the various staff members of the paper were assigned to their jobs by the Party. The paper was not for public dissemination.

MVD BORDER GUARD DATA

4. The only Border Guard unit known [redacted] was the 100th Komendatura, with headquarters at Salmiyarvi N 69-20, E 30-007, about 80 miles northwest of Murmansk.
5. No connection existed between the foreign territorial intelligence operations of the MO MVD and the Border Guard Troops' intelligence network beyond the border. [redacted] know in which frontier district the city of Murmansk was located.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MVD INFORMATION

6. Prior to the merger of the MVD and MGB in 1953, the MVD was completely responsible for the control of concentration camps. [redacted] stated that sometime in 1953, exact date unknown, he heard that the Ministry of Justice would take over this responsibility.
7. The expression "GULAG" (Main Directorate of Camps) was unknown [redacted]
8. [redacted] knowledge of MVD operational troops, special designation troops, or MVD government signal troops. He thought that the convoy troops (Konvoyniki) were the same as the MVD special objects guards (Okhrana Osobykh Obyektov). The latter were utilized to escort prisoners and guard them in the various camps, Source believed. No further information.

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MISCELLANEOUS DATA ON RESISTANCE ACTIVITY
AND GOVERNMENT COUNTER-RESISTANCE ACTIVITY

Forcible Resettlement of Minorities

- 50X1 9. [] during 1949 and 1950, several thousand Ingermanlanders, Estonians, Belo-Russian and Latvians were forcibly resettled in the Karelo-Finnish SSR. They were dispersed throughout the interior of the Republic, leaving the entire Soviet-Finnish border settled with Russians only. The reason for this was that these people were considered to be traitors and were suspected by the Soviet government of having transmitted information and intelligence to the enemy during World War II. Since they could not be trusted in the event of another war, it was considered best to remove them from the immediate border areas. After resettlement, they were prohibited from entering any border area. They lived under very stringent circumstances and were kept under constant agent surveillance.
- 50X1 10. In 1949, [] conducted the registration of some of the Ingermanlanders who were resettled in Pryazha, N 61-42, E 33-37. He could not recall the exact number, but estimated it to be over 1,000.
- 50X1 11. [] the Ingermanlanders had left Finland during trying times in that country in the 1930's, and for this the Finns considered them to be traitors. When they sought refuge and asylum with the Finns during World War II, the Finns refused them. Today, they live distrusted by both Russians and Finns.

Resistance Activity

12. Knowledge of any anti-Soviet or anti-Communist feeling, or of any organization of foreign origin such as the NTS was not disseminated to the public or to any person not directly concerned with such knowledge. This was to avoid creating any ideas in the minds of the people that might become magnified. [] no knowledge of any resistance activity. 50X1
- 50X1 13. Having experienced no mistreatment by the Finns during World War II, [] former prisoners of the Finns would look forward to surrendering to them in the event of another war.

Anti-regime Leaflets

- 50X1 14. [] no detailed information on anti-regime leaflets with regard to contents, quantity, source, or method of distribution. He stated that he had never seen a leaflet of this type himself, but felt that they did appear occasionally. Prior to certain holidays such as May Day, October Day, etc, additional MVD guards were posted in areas where leaflets would most likely appear on walls, fences, latrines, etc. No further information.

INSTALLATIONS

- 50X1 15. [] the location of military installations, factories, and other industrial installations. He could furnish information on only one installation - an explosives storage area in Lovozerskiy Rayon.
- a. In late December 1951 or early January 1952, Source accompanied Lt. Col. (fnu) SERGEEV, Asst Chief, Dept B, MO MVD Administration, to the Lovozerskiy Rayon. The purpose of the trip was to inspect the condition and security of an explosives storage area.

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- b. From Murmansk they travelled by automobile to a village named Imadra, Imandra, or some similar name. They travelled over poor country roads to reach this village; [redacted] remember the time or length of the trip. They stayed overnight at an inn in the village and set out on horseback the next morning. Accompanied by a civilian who was in charge of the storage area, they covered about three kilometers on horseback. Then they dismounted and walked through snow for several hundred meters. 50X1
- c. They came to the storage area, which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence about 2½ m high. A small one-man guard booth was located at the only entrance to the enclosure. Here an unarmed female opened the gate for them. They proceeded about 10 m and came to a large concrete building, about 20 x 20 x 4 m. The building had three entrances, but no windows.
- d. Inside the building were shelves (arrangement forgotten) holding wooden cases about one meter square. [redacted] the number of cases at 50 to 100. He could not give a more accurate figure. He could not identify the type of explosive in storage, nor did he know its use. The method of heating and lighting the building, or type used, [redacted] 50X1
- e. He could not remember what kind of daytime security existed in the area. He remembered hearing the civilian in charge state that the area was patrolled at night by a civilian guard and a dog. He did not know if the guard was armed.
- f. The building was located on relatively flat terrain, [redacted] could not pinpoint the location of the installation. 50X1
- g. [redacted] failed to result in any more specific detail on this installation. [redacted] could not give information on any additional installations in the Murmansk or Petrozavodsk areas, with which he could be expected to be reasonably knowledgeable. 50X1

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